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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES: **BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

MEETING DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 10:30 a.m.

PLACE: 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware

Conference Room A, second floor of the Cannon Building

MINUTES APPROVED: July 12, 2011

MEMBERS PRESENT

Craig Metzner, DVM, President Courtney Manetti, VMD (1:24 p.m. to 2:34 p.m.) Lynn Nellius, LVT Lena Corder, Public Member Patricia Ennis, Public Member

DIVISION STAFF/DEPUTY ATTORNEY GENERAL PRESENT

Eileen Heeney, Deputy Attorney General Gayle Melvin, Administrative Specialist III Kristin Gibbons, Hearing Officer

MEMBERS ABSENT

Rachel Longfellow, LVT, Vice-President Roberta Jackson, VMD

ALSO PRESENT

Dr. Jose Jimenez Stephen Rifici Vera Sitze, Court Reporter

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Metzner called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. Ms. Ennis was welcomed to the Board.

REVIEW OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes of the May 10, 2011 meeting. Ms. Nellius made a motion, seconded by Ms. Corder to approve the minutes. The motion was unanimously carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Review of Information Received from Dr. India Imperatore in Response to the Board's Request from the Rule to Show Cause Hearing Held on May 10, 2011

The Board reviewed Dr. Imperatore's transcript which was received from the University of Delaware and the syllabus and course descriptions for the courses "Intro to Neuroscience" and "Brain and Behavior" submitted by Dr. Imperatore. Dr. Manetti made a motion, seconded by Ms. Corder to approve the course "Intro to Neuroscience" taken by Dr. Imperatore during the 2010 Spring Semester at the University of Delaware for continuing education. The motion passed by majority vote. Ms. Nellius voted against the motion. Dr. Manetti made a motion, seconded by Ms. Corder that the course "Intro to Neuroscience" fulfills the continuing education requirements for Dr. Imperatore for the 2008 to 2010 licensure period. The motion was unanimously carried.

RULE TO SHOW CAUSE HEARINGS

Dr. Damon R. Ranftle

The Board reviewed the signed certificates for the courses taken on August 8, 2008 and June 4, 2009. Dr. Manetti made a motion, seconded by Ms. Corder to accept the certificates as fulfilling the continuing education requirements for Dr. Ranftle for the 2008 to 2010 licensure period and to cancel the rule to show cause hearing. The motion was unanimously carried.

Dr. Curtis A. Baughman, Jr.

The Board reviewed the information received from Dr. David Wolfgang and Michelle Roberts, Board Administrator of the Pennsylvania Board of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Manetti made a motion, seconded by Dr. Metzner to advise Dr. Baughman that he needs to provide the Board with coursework for the certificate submitted for the course "Problem Solving Skills and Techniques" held on May 21-23, 2010 within 30 days. The motion was unanimously carried.

Dr. Reynell Andrews

Ms. Heeney called the rule to show cause hearing to order at 1:53 p.m. This hearing was held for Dr. Reynell Andrews to show cause why the Board should not take disciplinary action against his license for failure to provide proof of completion of 24 hours of approved continuing education courses between the dates of August 1, 2008 through July 31, 2010. Dr. Andrews was not present for the hearing. Ms. Melvin testified regarding the hearing notice. Verbatim testimony was recorded by the court reporter.

At 1:55 p.m., the Board went off the record for deliberations. The Board went back on the record at 1:57 p.m. Ms. Nellius made a motion, seconded by Ms. Corder that due to Dr. Andrews' failure to respond to the audit, his license will be suspended for 30 days. If Dr. Andrews does not respond within the 30 days, his license will be revoked with no further action by the Board. The motion was unanimously carried. The hearing concluded at 1:56 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS CONTINUED

Review of Information Received from Dr. Alfred Rayne in Response to the Board's Request from the Rule to Show Cause Hearing Held on May 10, 2011

The Board reviewed the certificate submitted by Dr. Rayne for the course "Large Animal Veterinary Presentation" completed on November 12, 2008. Ms. Nellius made a motion, seconded by Ms. Corder that this course fulfills the continuing education requirements for Dr. Rayne for the 2008 to 2010 licensure period. The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Continuing Education Request

Dr. Manetti made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nellius to approve the following continuing education course:

International Veterinary Acupuncture Society Basic Course in Acupuncture – 154 hours

The motion was unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of Applications for the VTNE

Ms. Nellius made a motion, seconded by Dr. Metzner to approve the following persons to sit for the VTNE:

Kyle John Stephanie Molloy Alison Valenza Rocio Carrasco Amanda Rinehart Ronda Lojak Melissa Cavaretta Derina Boothroyd Sarah Schaberg Ann Quackenbush

The motion was unanimously carried

The application of Jessica Hammond was reviewed. Ms. Nellius made a motion, seconded by Ms. Corder to table this application and that a letter be sent to Dr. Melvin Haddad, with a copy to Ms. Hammond, requesting that he verify that Ms. Hammond did in fact work the hours indicated in her affidavit. If the hours indicated are accurate, Dr. Haddad will be requested to explain the circumstances under which Ms. Hammond worked such excessive hours. The motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Continuing Education Request

Dr. Metzner made a motion, seconded by Dr. Manetti to table the following continuing education request pending further review:

American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association 2010 AHVMA Annual Meeting

The motion was unanimously carried.

Status of Complaints

Complaint No. 28-03-10 – Closed (Contact Person – Dr. Jackson) Complaint No. 28-05-10 – Referred to Attorney General's Office Complaint No. 28-06-10 – Referred to Attorney General's Office Complaint No. 28-13-11 – Assigned to Dr. Metzner Complaint No. 28-14-11 – Assigned to Dr. Metzner Complaint No. 28-15-11 – Assigned to Ms. Longfellow Complaint No. 28-16-11 – Assigned to Dr. Metzner Complaint No. 28-17-11 – Assigned to Dr. Manetti

Ratification of Application for Veterinary Technician Licensure by Examination

Dr. Metzner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nellius to ratify the following person for veterinary technician licensure by examination:

Lindsay Fortier

The motion was unanimously carried.

Ratification of Applications for Veterinarian Licensure by Examination

Dr. Metzner made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nellius to approve the following persons for veterinarian licensure by examination:

Mary Peacock
Talia Guttin
Janet MacDonna
Jodi Lasko
Lauren Carey
Justin Liang
Sandra Platt
Carrie Goldkamp

The motion was unanimously carried

OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED

Review of Application for VTNE

The Board reviewed the application to sit for the VTNE for Antonio Rodriguez. Ms. Nellius made a motion, seconded by Ms. Corder to table this application pending further legal review by Ms. Heeney. The motion was unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

Review of Applications for Veterinarian Licensure by Reciprocity

The Board reviewed the application for veterinarian licensure by reciprocity for Jose Jimenez. Dr. Manetti made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nellius to propose to deny Dr. Jimenez's application. The motion was unanimously carried.

The Board reviewed the application for veterinarian licensure by reciprocity for Christopher Arnold. Dr. Manetti made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nellius to propose to deny Dr. Arnold's application. He motion was unanimously carried.

Review of Application for Veterinarian Licensure by Examination

Dr. Manetti made a motion, seconded by Ms. Nellius to approve the following person for veterinarian licensure by examination:

Andrew Koch

The motion was unanimously carried.

OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (FOR DISCUSION ONLY)

There was no other business before the Board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ms. Nellius made a motion, seconded by Ms. Corder to adjourn the meeting. The motion was unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle L. Melvin

Administrative Specialist III